

## Message Text

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ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 ADP-00 SNM-02 DEA-05 CIAE-00 INR-10 IO-13

JUSE-00 NSAE-00 RSC-01 SY-10 TRSE-00 USIA-15 NSC-10

SCI-06 OMB-01 SS-15 L-03 DODE-00 AID-20 PA-03 PRS-01

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P 210640Z JUL 73 ZFF-3  
FM AMEMBASSY RANGOON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7006  
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
AMCONSUL HONG KONG  
AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE  
CINCPAC

C O N F I D E N T I A L RANGOON 1681

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SNAR, BM TH  
SUBJECT: CAPTURE OF LO HSING-HAN

REF: A. STATE 142910 B. RANGOON 1680

FOR AMBASSADOR HANDLEY

1. DURING COURSE OF CALL ON DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER HLA PHONE  
JULY 20, I CONGRATULATED HIM AND GUB ON SUCCESS OF EFFORTS  
AGAINST LA HSING-HAN CULMINATING IN LATTER'S CAPTURE. HLA PHONE  
WAS OBVIOUSLY PLEASED, AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY ASSURED ME THAT GUB  
WOULD CONTINUE ITS ACTIONS AGAINST NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS.

2. STORY BROKE HERE IN JULY 21 PRESS, WITH FRONT PAGE HEADLINES  
SUCH AS "SHAN INSURGENT HQ SMASKED: 'REBEL SUPREMO' LO HSING-HAN  
CAPTURED," AND ONE EDITORIAL NOTING THAT CAPTURE OF LO SIGNALS  
END OF DANGEROUS CRIMINAL WHO HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS "RESPONSIBLE  
FOR MUCH OF SUFFERING IN ASIA AND AMERICA RESULTING FROM  
HARMFUL DRUGS" (REF B)

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3. THIS DRAMATIC SUCCESS WILL OBVIOUSLY BE SHOT IN THE ARM  
FOR GUB'S ANTI-NARCOTICS MEASURES. FURTHER ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT  
AND SIGNIFICANCE OF LO'S REMOVAL FROM ILLICIT NARCOTICS TRAFFICK-  
ING WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER WE HAVE HAD MORE TIME TO REFLECT ON  
IT.

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